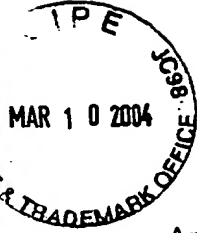


#14 2666  
#



648.37184X00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: I. ASO, et al

Serial No.: 09/305,452

Filed: May 6, 1999

For: LINE SWITCHING SYSTEM AND LINE SWITCHING UNIT OF DYNAMIC  
BAND VARIATION UNIT

Group: 2666

Examiner: M. Jagannathan

RECEIVED

MAR 16 2004

Technology Center 2600

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 10, 2004

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the first month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action dated November 10, 2003. A Credit Card Payment Form authorizing the amount of \$110.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 648.37184X00).

Respectfully submitted,

ANTONELLI, TERRY, STOUT & KRAUS, LLP

Carl I. Brundidge  
Registration No. 29,621

CIB/jdc  
703/312-6600